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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 457
By Wood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Ooltewah Cheerleaders and their coaches, Kim Mc Cormick, Ann Bodenhammer, and Kim Bates on winning the TSSAA State Cheerleading Championship.

WHEREAS, at the heart of any successful athletic program is a strong cheerleading squad, and, thus, this General Assembly was proud to learn of the exceptional accomplishments of the Ooltewah High School Cheerleaders; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary Ooltewah High School Cheerleaders put on several highly impressive performances at the school's football games during the 1999 season and continue to dazzle audiences during the 1999-2000 basketball season; and

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WHEREAS, the talented squad gave an outstanding performance at the U.S. Cheer Camp held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina last June; the team received gold superior ribbons and several squad members qualified as All-American Cheerleaders; some squad members performed at the Orange Bowl; and

WHEREAS, the squad members are: Captain Tiffany Merchant, Co-Captain Ariel Mack, Co-Captain Catie Richards, Allison O'Neal, Stephanie Newlin, Jamaya Simmons, Sabrina Tucker, Kristen Swilling, Tiffany Rogers, Brandi Holland, Brittany Sirota, April Harbour, Jenalee Kluttz, Christy Rogers, Jade Parrott, Leslie Hicks, Lauren Paty, and Whitney Smith; and

WHEREAS, these exceptional young ladies are accustomed to achieving top honors for their superior ability; and

WHEREAS, the members of Ooltewah High School Cheerleading Squad consistently demonstrate their superb skills; and

WHEREAS, this special group demonstrates the utmost unity and respect for one another as individuals; and

WHEREAS, they have also distinguished themselves in previous years with awesome performances; and

WHEREAS, their highly regarded coaches carefully molded the natural talent of the team into a winning combination; and

WHEREAS, after countless hours of practice and remarkable dedication to their sport, the Ooltewah High School Cheerleaders have finally been rewarded with their great accomplishment as a team; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize this exemplary cheerleading squad; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Head Coach Kim McCormick, Assistant

Coaches Ann Bodenhammer and Kim Bates, and the Ooltewah High School Cheerleaders upon capturing first place as the TSSAA State Cheerleading Non-Building Division Champions and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.